

COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 24, 2005 (BOS Mtg. 4/5/05)

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: James O. McReynolds, County Administrator

SUBJECT: Purchase of Property—Moore's Creek Phase I Drainage Improvements

The Stormwater Engineering staff has advised me that it would be advantageous to purchase the property located at 1936 Yorktown Road as part of the Moore's Creek Phase I Drainage Improvements. This residential property of 1.05 acres includes a house of 1,219 sq. ft. that is located in proximity to the stream and several culverts that impact the stream's flow. Acquisition of this property and demolition of the improvements will reduce the cost of the drainage project and improve the overall drainage benefits.

The attached information from our stormwater staff explains in detail the benefits of acquiring this property. In addition to the overall project enhancement, acquisition of this property will eliminate probable future problems with this residence, lower our project cost by \$66,660, and eliminate a cost of \$30,000 to install a concrete retaining wall.

Jim Noel has contacted Mr. Firth regarding the County's interest in purchasing the property. Mr. Firth had just started renovation efforts; and based on our interest, he has suspended any work on the house. Mr. Noel has negotiated a purchase price with Mr. Firth of \$135,000.

This acquisition will reduce the cost of the Moore's Creek project by \$66,660 and probably save us another \$30,000 in the near future. Most importantly, it would significantly improve the effectiveness of the overall Moore's Creek project and avoid any future issues with the flooding of this property.

I recommend that the property be acquired for the above stated purpose, and the Board's approval of proposed Resolution R05-66 will authorize the County Administrator to execute the proposed purchase agreement.

Noel/3318:dbb

Attachments

- Moores Creek stormwater information
- Proposed Resolution R05-66